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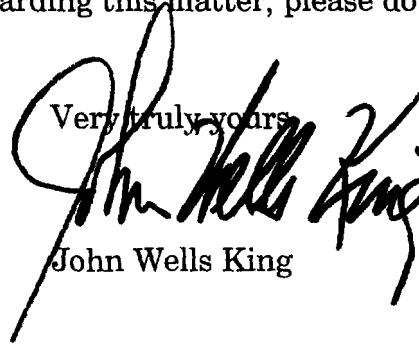
Re: Petition for Rulemaking to
Amend FM Table of Allotments
MM Docket No. 97-227
RM-9159
Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed herewith on behalf of KMBQ Corporation, please find an original and four copies of Comments regarding the above-referenced Rulemaking proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



John Wells King

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Before The
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In The Matter Of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations
[Wasilla, Alaska]

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To: Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

Comments of KMBQ Corporation

By Petition for Rulemaking filed August 5, 1997, KMBQ Corporation ("KMBQ"), requested the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to amend Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, so as to allocate Channel 273C2 to Wasilla, Alaska, as that community's second local FM transmission service ("KMBQ Petition"). In response, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* ("NPRM") in the above-captioned proceeding proposing the requested change to the Table of Allotments and soliciting the submission of comments by December 22, 1997.¹ KMBQ, through counsel, hereby submits its Comments in response to the *NPRM*, and hereby reaffirms it will apply for the channel if it is allotted, and, if authorized, will build the station promptly.

¹ *Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, for Wasilla, Alaska*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in RM-9159, MM Docket No. 97-227, DA 97-2270, released October 31, 1997 ("NPRM").

As will be shown below, KMBQ's proposal is consistent with Commission policy and would advance the public interest. Accordingly, KMBQ's proposal should be adopted.

I. Background - KMBQ Corporation's Petition for Rulemaking

In its Petition for Rulemaking,² KMBQ requested that the Commission amend the Table of Allotments to allocate Channel 273C2 to Wasilla, Alaska, as that community's second local FM transmission service. KMBQ pointed out that allotting Channel 273C2 to Wasilla would serve the public interest.³ As stated in the KMBQ Petition, the population of Wasilla is 4,4048, according to the 1990 Census, and Wasilla is the largest town in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, which has a population of 50,759 persons according to the 1996 State of Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs certified report.⁴ The Petitioner stated that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the fastest growing community in the State of Alaska.⁵ Wasilla is an incorporated city with a mayor, city council, and its own police and fire departments.⁶ It has its own Chamber of Commerce and is home to civic organizations such as the Mat-su Women's Christian Club, Wasilla Rotary, Wasilla Lions Club and the

² The KMBQ Petition is hereby incorporated by reference, and is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

³ *Id.* at 3.

⁴ *Id.* at 2.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

Valley Women's Resource Center. Wasilla is home to two newspapers: *The Frontiersman* and *The Daily News*.⁷

As demonstrated in the Engineering Statement filed with the KMBQ Petition, a copy of which is attached hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference, and as noted in the NPRM, allocation of channel 273C2 to Wasilla can be accomplished consistent with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements.⁸

KMBQ committed that, if the proposed amendment to the Table of Allotments were adopted, it would apply for an authorization to construct a new facility on channel 273C2.⁹

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *NPRM* at ¶ 3.

⁹ *See KMBQ* Petition at 3.

II. CONCLUSION

The above facts demonstrate that allocating Channel 273C2 to Wasilla, Alaska, will serve the public interest by providing that rapidly growing community with its second local FM transmission service. If the Commission allots the channel, KMBQ will apply for it, and will build the facilities. Accordingly, KMBQ respectfully requests the allocation of Channel 273C2 to Wasilla, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

KMBQ CORPORATION

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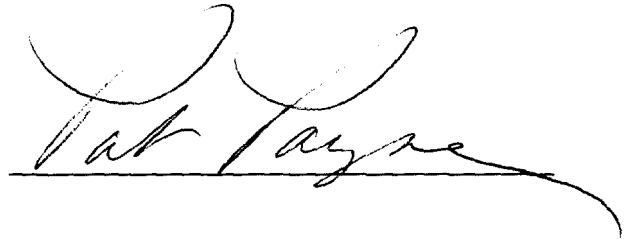
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an employee of Haley Bader & Potts P.L.C., hereby certifies that the foregoing document was mailed this date by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or was hand-delivered*, to the following:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Payne", written over a horizontal line.

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